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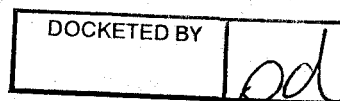
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Attn: Mr. James M. Irvin, Commissioner  
Mr. Carl J. Kunasek, Commissioner  
Mr. Renz Jennings, Commissioner  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007



Dear Sirs:

Radisson Woodlands Hotel Flagstaff has been associated with APS since 1990. We have also been part of a board coalition of electricity consumers in the state, known as the Arizonans for Electric Choice and Competition (AECC) that represents small, medium and large businesses throughout the state.

Through AECC, we have been actively engaged to implement competition in Arizona for the past three years. We have participated in every step of the process at the commission and have collectively expended several million dollars in each forum that has been used to promote and encourage competition in Arizona. Since 1996, the commission has been a champion of these competition efforts and has consistently issued rules, orders and opinions that are pro competition for all consumers in the state.

We understand that you will have before you a settlement proposal in the next few weeks that attempts to solve some of the issues associated with moving to competition in 1999. This settlement also will result in rules and determinations that will not allow the implementation of real competition in Arizona. While AECC very much wants to settle the issues associated with this case, settling them in a way which doesn't allow for meaningful competition will not meet the objectives that the Commissioner set out to accomplish more than two years ago, nor will it result in a competitive access program that will successfully implement competition in Arizona.

We urge you to support AECC proposed amendments and improvements to this settlement that can provide meaningful competition in Arizona and would also benefit the consumer.

Sincerely,

Steve Klein, CHA  
General Manager

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cc: AECC  
Stan Barnes